



PCCS Academic Excellence Committee Approved Meeting Minutes

June 05, 2017 7:00 PM
 Kennicott Building – Art Room
 1591 Jones Point Road
 Grayslake, IL 60030

Call to Order 7:05pm

Chair Nick Kotzamanis

The minutes of a meeting of the PCCS Academic Excellence Committee held on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the Art Room in the Kennicott Building, 1531 Jones Point Road, Grayslake, Illinois.

Committee Member Present: N. Kotzamanis, B. Bolin, N. Anen

Staff Present: Mr. Zamiar, G. Deigan

Public Present: Ten (10) people were counted.

A quorum was not present.

Discussion Agenda

1. Open house style discussion re:

- Accelerated Math options in 6th through 8th grades. (Based on Student Readiness)
- Partially Departmentalized 5th & 6th grades (Each Teacher will focus on 2 primary core subjects and No more looping or multi-age classes in 5th and 6th grades)
- RTI for Reading and Math at all grade levels.
- Focused Advisory Classes and Study Hall - focus on study skills and individual needs.

2. Review Previous Committee Minutes

Public Comment 10 minutes

There was an open house discussion with the ten members of the public on the various topics.

Mr. Zamiar reviewed the history of why the change is needed.

- Want to get more students (80%) into geometry when starting high school.
- This current year 3 placed into Algebra II.
- 22 placed into geometry.
- 5 / 6 grade band will still plan together.

Mr. Deigan said that the school does not want to teach to the test. We want to teach to what each child needs.

Mr. Zamiar said that the master schedule will be completed over summer.

A member of the public asked why not include 5th grade?

Mr. Zamiar answered that ROE suggested keeping them (5th grade) in their current track.



A member of the public as what math program as we using?

Mr. Zamiar answered mostly likely bridges math for K – 5th . Mr. Zamair explained that he has been in conversations with several schools about this math program. For 6th – 8th grade Mr. Zamair explained that they are looking at CPM (College Preparatory Math).

A member of the public asked if there can be multiple ages in a math class?

Mr. Zamiar answered Yes, if the student is ready.

A member of the public asked if there are any standard tests that they use for placement.

Mr. Zamiar answered Bridges Math does have a pre-test to help with placement in the early years. There are three pieces of information that are used for student placement: NWEA, Park, Pre-Test & Teacher input.

A member of the public asked how this change will be communicated.

Mr. Zamiar said they are working on the final details of the communications plan.

A member of the public asked for 5th and 6th graders how they switch rooms.

Mr. Zamiar the switch between teacher and rooms similar to specials.

A member of the public asked if there is more STEM and more Art History in the future.

Mr. Zamiar answered we are always looking to improve our academics.

A member of the public asked how are the new 5th graders going to be regrouped?

Mr. Zamiar answered yes there has been some redistribution of students.

Action Agenda:

1A. Approve Minutes from Previous Committee Meetings

No quorum to hold vote.

Future Agenda Items: Staff Retention

Adjourn

There being no further business, Nell Anen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nick Kotzamanis On voice call - "all ayes". MOTION CARRIED at 8 PM